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The old administration building at the Florida State College for Women is to be torn down. Like ancient Rome, Tallahassee is a city of seven hills. Perched on one of the most prominent of these, in the west of the city, stands this old building, its twin towers outlined above the tree tops from almost all parts of the city.

That half the meat eaten in the United States can be called uninspected and that a real and serious danger to the public exists as a result, is one of the conclusions reached by Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the United States bureau of animal industry, in his annual report to the secretary of agriculture. Inefficiency of the government inspection because of its lack of authority to reach business done entirely within a state, is given as one of the causes, and Dr. Melvin points out the great need of supplementing the government inspection of meats with state and municipal inspections.

#### Improve the Sand Roads

Mr. J. M. Cook, who is sales manager for the Cook Auto Co., of Orlando, drove through from there to this place Tuesday in three and a half hours, which goes to show that our roads are getting in fairly good shape for autoing. Mr. Cook states that with an expenditure of a few hundred dollars in cutting out roots and filling in some bad places there would be fairly good traveling, which would mean more touring through this section.

The auto has passed the experimental stage and has become a practical necessity among a large number of business and professional men, and the sooner all sections wake up to the necessity of having good roads all over the state we will note the increase of property valuations which will more than make up the difference in the cost of improving the roads alone to say nothing of the saving in time and comfort in getting about from place to place.

#### Important County Business

The following important business was acted upon by the board of county commissioners in session on Monday and Tuesday:

The board took up the matter of redistricting the county into county commissioners' districts, and it was moved seconded and carried that the following are designated as county commissioners' districts:

Dist. No. 1 shall embrace election precinct No. 2.

Dist. No. 2 shall embrace election precincts 9, 10, 11 and 13.

Dist. No. 3 shall embrace election precincts 6, 7 and 8.

Dist. No. 4 shall embrace election precincts 3, 4 and 5.

Dist. No. 5 shall embrace election districts 1 and 12.

It was moved, seconded and carried that hereafter the superintendent of the county home shall be paid \$40.00 per month for his services and in addition shall be allowed 40 cents per day for feeding each inmate of the county home and he shall be required to raise such crops of produce on the county home grounds as are profitable; the county to pay for the fertilizer used in the production of such crops and the produce not necessary for use on the poor farm shall be sold and the proceeds turned into the county treasury. The superintendent will be required to furnish his own supplies.

Petition of Geo. M. Robbins, et al., praying for a public road beginning at the center of section 4, township 22 south, range 35 east, thence to run north on the subdivision line of said section for quarter of a mile to the marl road to the southeast corner of the lot of Mr. Philip Wright, thence north along the marl road to Main street, was received and referred to a committee of S. J. Norton, J. P. Wilson and P. J. Hall, to mark, view and lay out the same; such committee to make report on first Monday in February.

## BIG EXTENSION CHANGES

#### The Roadbed from Homestead South to be Substantially Rebuilt

As a result of the conference of officials of the Florida East Coast Railway at St. Augustine, all of the construction work on the extension from Homestead to Knights Key has been turned back to the construction department, under Mr. Krome. This work was placed under the direction of the operating department about a year ago.

The method of construction has been changed in several places. The sole aim from this time on, will be to make the roadbed absolutely storm proof. The exact details of construction have not yet been determined upon, but concrete will play an important part.

Engineer Ernest Cotton in an interview with the Key West Citizen stated that the forces which are engaged on the grade between Key West and Knights Key will be removed and concentrated on each end. The idea being to begin on the ends and work toward the center instead of the present method of working at different points. This work is practically completed with the exception of the water ways. An unloading dock is to be built at Key West, and a pile driver for this purpose will soon be sent there.

The former plan of work along the grade was to hope that a hurricane would not come before completion. This question of uncertainty has been done away with now, and all work done will be in condition to withstand any force of wind that may come. This will possibly delay the entrance of the road to Key West but it makes its coming an assured fact, whereas, another storm under the old policy would delay the work almost indefinitely.

The camp at West Summerland will be closed and the force there will be moved to Pigeon Key. All concrete piers have been built from Knights Key to Pigeon Key, and over half are completed from Pigeon Key to Mosier Channel.

On the whole, Mr. Cotton states that Key West was never more certain of having a railroad than at the present time, and when it gets there it will be constructed in a manner that no storm ever heard of will wipe it out of existence.

#### Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida

Notice is hereby given that W. H. H. Gleason, purchaser of tax certificate No. 434, dated the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1890, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Brevard county, Florida, to-wit: All block 29, Eau Gallie, section 16, township 27 south, range 37 east, the said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of S. G. Gleason. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 7th day of February, A. D. 1910.

Witness my official signature and seal this 7th day of January, A. D. 1910.

A. A. STEWART,  
Clerk Circuit Court Brevard County, Florida.

By O. A. Stewart, D. C.

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#### Death of Mrs. P. J. Robottom

The sudden death of Mrs. Percy J. Robottom, the wife of Dean Robottom, Sunday evening, was a great shock to the people of Titusville and the whole county of Brevard. Although Mrs. Robottom was known to be in rather frail health, she was an active, energetic person and, no doubt, made the constant effort to give evidence of more physical strength than she really possessed for the sake of those about her.

Sunday about noon she was taken suddenly ill and grew rapidly worse until the end came at 6:15 o'clock.

Doctors Utley and Wilson were called in attendance and although everything was done that medical skill could do to restore her, it was of no avail.

Dean Robottom was telegraphed at Eau Gallie, where he had an appointment that evening, and came via launch to Cocoa, and there an automobile brought him to Titusville about the midnight hour.

Miss Mollie Robottom was at Eau Gallie that day, having gone down with a launch party that morning, and arrived home shortly after midnight on the Iris which went to meet them, and missed them at Cocoa but picked the party up at City Point on her return, having gone nearly to Eau Gallie.

The funeral was postponed until Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 to allow the elder son, Kent, to arrive home from Annapolis.

The funeral service was most beautiful and impressive, conducted by Archdeacon Bowker, of Orlando, whose reference to death and the resurrection seemed almost an inspiration. The archdeacon was assisted by Rev. Wilder, of Daytona, and Rev. Cresson, of City Point.

Special and appropriate music was rendered by the choir; also the beautiful solo, Face to Face, was sung by Mrs. C. H. Walton with much feeling.

A large concourse of friends attended the service in St. Gabriels church, after which the ceremonies were concluded at the grave in Titusville cemetery, where temporary interment was made.

The following served as active pall bearers: F. A. Morgan, Rufus Robbins, W. F. Green, D. B. Pritchard, P. G. Walton and W. S. Branning.

The honorary pall bearers were

E. A. Morgan, L. A. Brady, C. H. Walton, A. Brady, E. B. Wager, W. M. Prindle, G. F. Duren and C. A. Gardner.

Martha Frances Kent Robottom was born in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, about forty years ago. She spent her whole life until her wedding day in the home in which she was born. She completed her education in Mrs. Johnson's school, a boarding school for young ladies on Walnut street, Philadelphia.

She shared with Dean Robottom their happy life of ten years in Lancaster, Pa., where the dean was rector of St. James church, and where their children were born.

In 1900 Dean Robottom accepted the position of dean of Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Arkansas, in order to provide for Mrs. Robottom a less rigorous climate, and in October 1907 removed to Florida.

Four children survive Mrs. Robottom: Percy Kent Robottom, a first class midshipman in the Naval Academy, at Annapolis; Frances Banks Robottom, who has spent the winter thus far at home with her mother; Mary Moyer Robottom, a student of the Cathedral School, Orlando, Florida, and Master Innis LaRoche Robottom, a pupil in our local public school. Mrs. Robottom is also survived by her father, one brother and three sisters.

THE STAR extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.

The State Democratic Committee will meet at the Aragon hotel in Jacksonville, January 17th, to fix the date for holding the state primary election. After the date of the first primary has been settled the campaign will be opened up in dead level earnest and the agonized suspense and the energetic efforts of the candidates will be operating at high pressure.

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